

Despite losing seven seniors, this year's team still has some good talent.

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Soldier Hollow to Offer Biathlon Clinic

In an effort to help the development of athletes, regardless of age or ability, as well as make Olympic Games more accessible to the public, the Utah Winter Games is holding its thirteenth season of exciting, affordable winter sport clinics and events.

This time around, a biathlon clinic will be held at Soldier Hollow, Wasatch Mountain State Park in Midway, on Dec. 19, 1998. This is a great opportunity to learn beginning biathlon techniques, both the skiing and the shooting.

No experience necessary and there is no charge. All you need to bring is your cross country skis and poles, along with a desire to learn. If needed, .22 caliber bolt rifles will be made available, also.

The clinic, which is held from 9:30 a.m. to noon, will be instructed by Gary Wallin of the Utah National Guard, and Joan Guetschow, Olympian and Biathlon coach.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. the day of the events. Interested parties may pre-register by calling (801)975-4515.

If the biathlon isn't your thing, then check out the other clinics offered by Utah Winter Games: learn to bobsled at Bear Hollow on Jan. 13-15; learn to cross country ski at White Pine Touring Center in Park City on Dec. 12 and 13; learn figure skating on Nov. 20, 27, and Dec. 5; learn to snowboard the half pipe at Park City Mountain Resort on Dec. 13 and 20; learn to snowboard the giant slalom at Park City Mountain Resort on Dec. 12; learn ice hockey on Dec. 16 at Oquirrh Park Oval; learn to ski on Dec. 21 at The Canyons; learn to ski jump at Bear Hollow in Park City on Dec. 19; learn to snowboard on Dec. 5 and 13 at Park City Mountain Resort, and again at The Canyons on Dec. 22; learn speed skating on Nov. 19, Dec. 9 and Dec. 15; and learn technical skiing and gates at Deer Valley Resort on Dec. 19.

On top of those, there are also clinics

on ski racing for people with disabilities (Jan. 6 and 7), mogul skiing (Dec. 12), and a number of winter sports safety clinics.

With access to the finest winter recreational facilities in the world, Utahns have the unbelievable opportunity to ski and snowboard at some of the world's greatest ski resorts on undeniably the world's greatest snow. Add to that the new Olympic facilities for luge, bobsled, ski jumping, speed skating, hockey, cross country, biathlon and curling, and it's obvious that Utahns have an unparalleled combination of resources at their fingertips.

Combine those resources with the free Utah Winter Games instructional clinics, which provide world class instructors (many are former Olympians!), and you have an unbeatable way to get involved in that sport you always thought was too expensive to learn.

The Utah Winter Games runs its free instructional clinics through November and December, with its competitive events running Jan. 2-18. Nov. 14 marked the beginning of the Utah Winter Games season, with a Red Cross Sports Safety Training clinic. Speed skating, figure skating, snowboard and telemark clinics run the following two weeks, with many more to come in December.

Jan. 2, 1999 marks the start of the competition season, with women's hockey, half pipe and Southwest Airlines recreational ski races at Deer Valley, Snowbird and Brighton. The season wraps up on Jan. 18 with speed skating, snowboarding giant slalom and the Knudsen Cup high school ski races. In between, you'll find competitive events tailored to people of all ages and all abilities in over 25 winter sports.

To register or receive more information on any Utah Winter Games program, call 1-800-959UTAH, or access the Utah Winter Games website at www.utahwintergames.org.

Heber Seniors Compete w/ 12th annual Huntsman World Senior Games promotes fitness

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Who says athletics are just for the young? At the latest Huntsman World Senior Games, several current and former Heber seniors learned that competition is still a word in their vocabulary.

"It was one of the most exciting things I've been able to do in my life," said 61-year-old Verl Tolley, a Heber resident who competed in the Huntsman Games for the first time in October. "It was a great experience."

Tolley was one of over 4,000 participants at this year's events in St. George. There were representatives from every state in the nation and from 36 other countries, too.

One of the most exciting moments of the Games for Tolley was getting to know people from other countries, such as Germany and Africa.

But Tolley was even more surprised to see a former buddy of his, Ramon Duke. The two used to teach at Wasatch High School together.

So for Tolley, who traveled to the Games with his uncle, Ray Baumgartner, the events weren't just for competition, it was also a time of social gathering.

And that's what the Huntsman World Senior Games are really all about. The Jon and Karen Huntsman family designed the games, way back in 1987, to promote fitness, friendship, and fun for the 50-and-older group members of the world.

They do this by allowing participants to get together and compete in events such as tennis, golf, bridge, basketball, softball, cycling, soccer, bowling, horseshoes, table tennis, and road racing, just to name a few. These Games also feature health screening education.

In other words, it's a great way for seniors to get out, have fun, and meet some new friends.

But we can't forget about the competition. The Games offer seniors an opportunity to participate in athletics like very few other events do.

In St. George, however, winning isn't everything.

"You don't have to win," said Tolley. "If you are physically able to compete, that's something big."

Tolley recalled a significant story that took place during the 3200 meter race. A German couple, both in their 80s, ran the race together, hand in hand.

Although the couple didn't finish near the top, they finished just the same, an amazing accomplishment. A large number of people gathered at the finish line to cheer them on to their own personal victory.

For Tolley, who finished first in his age group at this year's Swiss Days 10K run, just being there and competing in the warm weather of St. George was good enough. But winning was pretty great too.

Tolley, even with a pulled hamstring muscle, won the gold in the 1200 meter with a time of 6.03, won the silver in the 3200 meter with a time of 14.23, and won the bronze in doubles horseshoes with his uncle.



Ray Baumgartner and his nephew, Verl Tolley, won medals they won at this year's Huntsman World Senior Games. But ask either and they'll

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WHS Games at a Glance

Swimming

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Wasatch at Bear River

The Wasps seemed slightly intimidated against the bigger, faster school. Bill Hicken had another good day in the water with a 2:23.94 in the 200 Individual Medley and a 57.67 in the 100 Freestyle. Womens 400 Freestyle Relay, team A, scored a 4:46.98

Thursday, Nov. 12

Richfield at Wasatch

Thanks to a Richfield no-show, the Wasps' regularly scheduled meet was canceled. The team held a practice/time trial instead. The team's next meet isn't until Dec. 2 at South Summit.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

The Wasp Wrestlers will have their first meet at Park City at 3 p.m. They will face Park City, Morgan and South Summit.

Nov. 27 and 28

Robins Photography will be at Wasatch High School to take fan photos. The cost of each setting